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Q. *What happened to Dita Beard, the lobbyist in Washington, D.C., for the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.? She was the alleged author of a memo linking the settlement of three Justice Department suits against ITT with a large donation to last year's Republican National Convention. Has ITT bought her off because she knows too much?—E.T., Washington, D.C.*

A. Dita Beard knows plenty about ITT and its relations with the federal government. At her own request, however, she has been transferred to Denver where she said recently, "I'm getting out of the political end. The pressure is too much." ITT has been most considerate in its treatment of Dita Beard.